

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Rush of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we take a moment to focus our thoughts on You and spiritual values and to offer a prayer of thanks for our blessings and material and spiritual and gifts. We believe that Your guidance enables us to remain faithful to our own principles and goals. Your assistance also helps us to transform our high ideals and legislative initiatives into fair and honorable legislation. Inspire us to be alert to those issues which aid us in building stronger, safer and more peaceful neighborhoods and communities. Grant us the wisdom to advance causes and programs which serve the common good and promote a stable and civil society.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Rush), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Bonds, terms.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3966) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, March 26.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Dennis, Sears Library.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3787) of Cleon H. Turner and Robert A. O'Leary relative to the Jacob Sears Memorial Library (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with letter relative thereto) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Burlington, liquor license.

By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2532) of Charles A. Murphy and Robert A. Havern (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Burlington to issue additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be

drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By the same member, joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2363) of Charles A. Murphy and Robert A. Havern (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the positions of police and fire chiefs in the town of Burlington from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Burlington, civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 514) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation relative to the Ponkapoag golf course,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets;

Ponkapoag golf course.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 717) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to providing for an income tax credit for families caring for relatives at home who are elderly or victims of Alzheimer's disease,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs;

Alzheimer's disease, home care.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 718) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to real estate tax exemptions for persons sixty-five years of age or older,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue; and

Elderly, tax exemptions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 716) of Bruce J. Ayers and Michael W. Morrissey relative to the penalty for the improper use of handicapped parking spaces,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Handicapped parking, illegal use.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick bank for a certain employee of the Department of Fish and Game (House, No. 3940). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Dennis McNamara, sick leave.

Recesses.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Kaufman of Lexington (Mr. Rush of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past one o'clock P.M.; and at eighteen minutes before two o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Peterson of Grafton in the Chair.

Recesses.

The Chair, (Mr. Peterson) then declared a further recess, until half past three o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-six minutes before four o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Sullivan of Fall River in the Chair.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At twenty-six minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Driscoll of Braintree being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.